

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended) Front unit ~~[[1]]~~ for a motor vehicle, ~~of the type~~ comprising:

- at least one optical unit ~~[[2]]~~ which comprises a casing ~~[[7]]~~ provided with inlet and outlet openings ~~[[12, 13]]~~ for a flow of air ~~[[23; 33]]~~ sweeping the inside of the casing,

- a heat exchanger ~~[[3]]~~, ~~[[and]]~~

- a fan ~~[[4]]~~ for producing an airstream ~~[[21]]~~ passing through the heat exchanger,

~~characterized in that the front unit comprises~~ a duct ~~[[15]]~~, a first end ~~[[16]]~~ of ~~which~~ said duct is connected to ~~[[an]]~~ one of said inlet and outlet opening (12) openings in the casing (7) of the optical unit (2) and a second end ~~[[19]]~~ of ~~which~~ said duct is arranged in the vicinity of the fan ~~[[4]]~~ so that the fan produces the flow of air for sweeping the inside of the casing ~~[[7]]~~, and

~~in that it comprises~~ a shroud ~~[[14]]~~ for channeling the airstream between the fan ~~[[4]]~~ and the heat exchanger

[[3]], the second end of the duct [[15]] being connected to the shroud,

wherein said heat exchanger and said fan are situated outside the at least one optical unit.

2. (currently amended - withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ further comprising a Venturi device [[29]] which is arranged in the vicinity of the fan [[4]] and which comprises a divergent main passage [[30]] and an auxiliary passage [[31]] connecting the main passage and the second end of the duct [[15]].

3. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 2, characterized in that the shroud (14) forms the main passage (30) of the Venturi device (29).

4. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 2, characterized in that the main passage (30) diverges in the direction of circulation of the airstream (21) in order to bring about the suction, by way of the second end (19) of the duct, of the flow of air for sweeping the inside of the casing.

5. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 3, characterized in that the main passage (30) diverges in the

direction of circulation of the airstream (21) in order to bring about the suction, by way of the second end (19) of the duct, of the flow of air for sweeping the inside of the casing.

6. (original) Front unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located behind the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

7. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 2, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located behind the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

8. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 3, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located behind the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

9. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 4, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located behind the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

10. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located in front of the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

11. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 2, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located in front of the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

12. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 3, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located in front of the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

13. (withdrawn) Front unit according to claim 4, characterized in that the fan (4) is to be located in front of the heat exchanger (3) when the front unit (1) is mounted on the motor vehicle.

14-19 (canceled)

20. (new) A motor vehicle comprising:  
an optical unit having a plurality of openings;

a heat exchanger for controlling a temperature of an engine of the vehicle;

a fan producing a flow of air that passes through the heat exchanger; and

a duct communicating a flow of air between one of said plural openings and said fan.

21. (new) The motor vehicle according to claim 20, further comprising a shroud for channeling the flow of air from the fan to the heat exchanger, said duct being connected to the shroud.

22. (new) The motor vehicle according to claim 21, further comprising a Venturi device adjacent the fan, said Venturi device having a divergent main passage and an auxiliary passage connecting the main passage to the duct.

23. (new) The motor vehicle as claimed in claim 20, wherein at least one of said openings comprises a plurality of baffles.

24. (new) The motor vehicle as claimed in claim 20, wherein said heat exchanger is a radiator for cooling an engine of the vehicle.